

Channel Islands Marine Protected Areas

In October 2002, the California Fish and Game Commission designated 12 marine protected areas (MPAs) and on April 9, 2003, they were implemented. Three of these replace existing ecological reserves at Anacapa, Santa Barbara and San Miguel Islands. The 12 MPAs form a network that covers 142 nmi² within the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. Ten (132 nmi²) of the 12 MPAs are no-take “marine reserves” where no fishing or kelp harvesting is allowed. Two (10 nmi²) of the 12 areas are “conservation areas” and allow for limited recreational and/or commercial fishing. Please refer to the map on the right which indicates the marine protected area boundaries.

Anacapa Brown Pelican Fledgling Area and State Ecological Reserve Areas:

There is a California Brown Pelican fledgling area on the north side of West Anacapa out to depths of 120 feet. Entry is prohibited from January 1 to October 31.

Shore fishing is prohibited on San Miguel Island.

Port Hueneme Safety Fairway:
See Port Hueneme chart 18725 for restrictions.

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